

Public Notice – Environmental Regulation

Notice of action: The State Water Control Board is considering the amendment of a regulation on water quality. A regulation is a general rule governing people's rights or conduct that is upheld by a state agency.

Regulation name: General VPDES Permit Regulation for Non-Metallic Mineral Mining, 9 VAC 25-190 (VAG84)

Purpose of notice: The board is seeking comments through the Department of Environmental Quality on 1) the proposal 2) the costs and benefits of the proposal 3) effects of the proposal on farm and forest land preservation and 4) impacts on small businesses.

Public comment period: January 5, 2009 to March 6, 2009

Public hearing: Dept of Environmental Quality, Piedmont Regional Office, Training Room, 4949A Cox Road in Glen Allen, Virginia, on February 4, 2009 at 10 AM. A question and answer period will be held one half hour prior to the public hearing at the same location. Interested citizens will have an opportunity to ask questions pertaining to the proposal at that time.

Public comment stage: Notice of Public Comment

Description of proposed regulation: Notice is hereby given that the State Water Control Board intends to amend regulation entitled 9 VAC 25-190, General Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (VPDES) Permit Regulation for Non Metallic Mineral Mining. Public Notice is also given that the State Water Control Board has under consideration the reissuance of a General VPDES Permit (VAG84) which expires on June 30, 2009 to discharge to State Waters and State Certification under the State Water Control Law. Significant changes to the regulation: (1) revised definition of vehicle washing; (2) a requirement to address total maximum daily load (TMDL) allocation in the storm water pollution prevention plan; (3) add special conditions that address dust control, providing process water for agricultural use and a total suspended solids (TSS) evaluation if TSS monitoring exceeds 100 mg/l.

Locality particularly affected: The regulation will be applicable statewide and will not affect any one locality disproportionately.

How to comment: The DEQ accepts written comments by e-mail, fax and postal mail. All written comments must include the full name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ by 5 p.m. on the last day of the comment period. Both oral and written comments are accepted at the public meeting. DEQ prefers the comments, including a copy of supporting documents or exhibits, be submitted in writing. All testimony, exhibits and documents received are part of the public record. More detailed information on the proposal is available at the Town Hall at www.townhall.virginia.gov and by contacting the DEQ representative named below. The public may review the documents at the following location: Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, Central Office, 629 East Main Street, Richmond, VA 23219.

How a decision is made: After comments have been considered, the board will make the final decision. Citizens that submit statements during the comment period may address the board members during the board meeting at which a final decision is made on the proposal.

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